



## **Pupil Behaviour and Discipline**

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We believe this policy should be a working document that is fit for purpose, represents the school ethos, enables consistency and quality across the school and is related to the following legislation:

- Children Act 1989
- Education Act 1996
- Crime and Disorder Act 1998
- School Standards and Framework Act 1998
- Education Act 2002
- Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003
- Education Act 2005
- Education and Inspections Act 2006
- Education (Parenting Contracts and Parenting Orders) (England) Regulations 2007
- Education (Penalty Notices) (England) Regulations 2007
- Education and Skills Act 2008
- Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009
- Equality Act 2010
- Education Act 2011
- Education (Penalty Notices) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2012
- School Discipline (Pupil Exclusions and Reviews) (England) Regulations 2012
- Education (Penalty Notices) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013
- Education (Independent School Standards) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014

The following documentation is also related to this policy:

- Behaviour and discipline in schools - Advice for headteachers and school staff (DfE 2014)
- Equality Act 2010: Advice for Schools (DfE)
- School attendance parental responsibility measures: Statutory guidance for local authorities, school leaders, school staff, governing bodies and the police (DfE)

We have a duty under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 to have in place a behaviour policy that is annually reviewed, made available to all stakeholders and is consistent throughout the school.

We believe that we promote good behaviour by creating a happy caring school environment where everyone feels valued, respected, secure and free from all forms of anti-social behaviour.

We realise pupils behaviour improves and they feel safer and happier in school if school personnel consistently apply this policy and maintain regular classroom routines.

We encourage pupils to achieve in a learning environment where self-discipline is promoted and good behaviour is the norm. Any form of low-level misbehaviour during lessons is not accepted as we believe pupils will achieve their full potential in a happy, stimulating and ordered school environment.

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We strongly endorse the banning of all forms of corporal punishment which has been defined as 'the use of physical force causing pain, but not wounds, as a means of discipline'.

We are aware that we have the right to use reasonable force to control or restrain pupils in order to prevent personal injury, damage to property or the prevention of a criminal offence being committed but not as a means of disciplining pupils.

We have in place a calm room specifically designed to provide an alternative environment for any pupil who is upset, distressed or acting in an unsafe manner. It is a place where school personnel can take individual children to talk about their concerns or worries or just to calm them down if something has upset or angered them.

We have a duty to ensure that all parents are aware of our 'legal powers to use parenting contracts, parenting orders or penalty notices to address poor attendance and behaviour in school.' Parents have a duty to ensure their children are well behaved and attend school regularly as 'good behaviour and attendance are essential to children's educational prospects'.

We are aware that 'parenting contracts, orders and penalty notices for irregular attendance apply only to pupils of compulsory school age who are registered at a school' but they can also be applied for misbehaviour by pupils outside compulsory school age such as sixth form pupils or pupils at a maintained nursery. While 'penalty notices for parents of pupils found in a public place during school hours after being excluded also apply only to children of compulsory school age who are registered at a school.'

We have a duty to safeguard children, young people and families from violent extremism. We are aware that there are extremist groups within our country who wish to radicalise vulnerable children and to involve them in terrorism or in activity in support of terrorism. Periodic risk assessments are undertaken to assess the risk of pupils being drawn into terrorism. School personnel must be aware of the increased risk of online radicalisation, and alert to changes in pupil's behaviour. Any concerns will be reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

We are aware that under the 'Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015' we have the duty to have 'due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism'. This duty is known as the Prevent duty and we believe it is essential that school personnel are able to identify those who may be vulnerable to radicalisation or being influenced by extremist views, and then to know what to do when they are identified.

We provide a safe environment where we promote pupils' welfare. Within this environment we work hard to build pupils' resilience to radicalisation and extremism by promoting fundamental British values and for everyone to understand the risks associated with terrorism. We want pupils to develop their knowledge and skills in order to challenge extremist views.

We understand that 'Headteachers and school personnel authorised by them have the statutory power to search pupils or their possessions, without consent, where they have reasonable grounds for suspecting that the pupil may have a prohibited item'.

We have decided that the following items are prohibited in this school namely knives or weapons, alcohol, illegal drugs, stolen items, tobacco and cigarette papers, fireworks, pornographic images, any item that could be used to commit an offence or personal injury or damage to property. Any pupil found in possession of them will face disciplinary sanctions.

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We wish to work closely with the School Council and to hear their views and opinions as we acknowledge and support Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child that children should be encouraged to form and to express their views.

We as a school community have a commitment to promote equality. Therefore, an equality impact assessment has been undertaken and we believe this policy is in line with the Equality Act 2010.

We aim to be judged at least good in all school inspections by ensuring that standards for all pupils are higher than schools of a similar size and that standards continue to improve faster than the national trend.

We believe it is essential that this policy clearly identifies and outlines the roles and responsibilities of all those involved in the procedures and arrangements that is connected with this policy.

#### **Aims**

- To create an ethos that makes everyone in the school community feel valued and respected.
- To promote good behaviour by forging sound working relationships with everyone involved with the school.
- To promote self-discipline and proper regard for authority among pupils.
- To prevent all forms of bullying among pupils by encouraging good behaviour and respect for others.
- To maintain consistency in applying this policy.
- To protect children from the risk of radicalisation and extremism.
- To ensure compliance with all relevant legislation connected to this policy.
- To work with other schools and the local authority to share good practice in order to improve this policy.

#### **Responsibility for the Policy and Procedure**

#### **Role of the Governing Body**

The Governing Body has:

- the duty to set the framework of the school's policy on pupil discipline after consultation with the parents and pupils of the school;
- responsibility to ensure that the school complies with this policy;
- delegated powers and responsibilities to the Headteacher to ensure that school personnel and pupils are aware of this policy;
- delegated powers and responsibilities to the Headteacher to ensure all visitors to the school are aware of and comply with this policy;
- the duty to support the Executive Headteacher and school personnel in maintaining high standards of behaviour;
- responsibility for ensuring that the school complies with all equalities legislation;
- responsibility for ensuring funding is in place to support this policy;
- responsibility for the effective implementation, monitoring and evaluation of this policy.

#### **Role of the Executive Headteacher**

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The Executive Headteacher will:

- determine the detail of the standard of behaviour that is acceptable to the school;
- ensure all school personnel, pupils and parents are aware of and comply with this policy;
- create an ethos that makes everyone in the school community feel valued and respected;
- promote good behaviour by forging sound working relationships with everyone involved within the school;
- promote self-discipline and proper regard for authority among pupils;
- prevent all forms of bullying among pupils by encouraging good behaviour and respect for others;
- ensure all stakeholders are absolutely clear about the expected standards of pupils behaviour,
- ensure school rules are displayed around the school and that all stakeholders know what they are;
- ensure school personnel apply this policy consistently;
- work hard with everyone in the school community to create an ethos that makes everyone feel valued and respected;
- promote good behaviour by forging sound working relationships with everyone involved with the school;
- model behaviour that he/she wants to see from school personnel;
- encourage good behaviour and respect for others, in order to prevent all forms of bullying among pupils;
- ensure school take individual children to the calming room to talk about their concerns or worries or just to calm them down if something has upset or angered them;
- with all members of the Senior Leadership Team will:
  - ☐ maintain a regular visible presence throughout the school day and especially when pupils arrive and leave, at break times and lunchtimes
  - ☐ ensure pupils move around the school in an orderly manner
  - ☐ praise good behaviour
  - ☐ celebrate successes
  - ☐ the good performance of school personnel
  - ☐ take action if school personnel do not follow this policy
  - ☐ consistently inform parents of this policy
  - ☐ ensure school personnel praise good behaviour and work
  - ☐ ensure school personnel understand the additional needs of all pupils in their care
  - ☐ monitor the number of sanctions and rewards given by individual school personnel
  - ☐ have in place clear strategies for pupils who are likely to misbehave
  - ☐ ensure school personnel are aware of these strategies and apply them
  - ☐ have in place support mechanisms for pupils with behaviour difficulties
  - ☐ ensure school personnel build and maintain positive relationships with the parents of pupils with behavioural difficulties
- ensure the health, safety and welfare of all children in the school;
- recommend to the Governing Body the use of a parenting contract:
  - ☐ in cases of truancy/poor attendance;
  - ☐ when a pupil has consistently misbehaved or has been permanently excluded or excluded for a fixed period;
  - ☐ when it is considered that parenting is a factor in the truancy or bad behaviour of a child and where the parent appears to be in need of support.

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- provide leadership and vision in respect of equality;
- provide guidance, support and training to all staff;
- monitor the effectiveness of this policy by analysing :
  - ☐ pupil attitudes to school and learning
  - ☐ the views of pupils, parents, school personnel and governors
  - ☐ the number of fixed-period and permanent exclusions
  - ☐ incident logs, rewards and sanctions
  - ☐ the number of reported cases of bullying
  - ☐ strategies to improve behaviour and discipline
- make effective use of relevant research and information to improve this policy;

### **Role of the Associate Head**

The Associate Head will:

- lead the development of this policy throughout the school;
- work closely with the Executive Headteacher and the nominated governor;
- provide guidance and support to all staff;
- provide training for all staff on induction and when the need arises;
- keep up to date with new developments and resources;
- work with the School Council;
- monitor school support systems;
- undertake classroom monitoring;
- track pupils through IEPs;
- create links with parents;
- review and monitor;

### **Role of School Personnel**

School personnel will:

- comply with all aspects of this policy;
- maintain consistency in applying this policy throughout the school;
- welcome pupils into the classroom;
- have in place clear classroom routines;
- maintain consistency in applying these routines;
- encourage good behaviour and respect for others;
- praise good behaviour and good work;
- apply all rewards and sanctions fairly and consistently;
- work with pupils to compile a list of class rules;
- display class rules;
- display the list of sanctions and rewards;
- promote self-discipline amongst pupils;
- deal appropriately with any unacceptable behaviour;
- stay calm when dealing with unacceptable behaviour;
- apply any behavioural plans of individual pupils;
- ensure support staff are aware of these plans;
- be aware of and understand the additional needs of pupils in their care;
- take individual children when a situation arises to the calming room to talk about their concerns or worries or just to calm them down if something has upset or angered them;

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- have in place and will refer to a visual timetable;
- provide well planned, interesting and demanding lessons which will contribute to maintaining good discipline;
- maintain high standards of ethics and behaviour within and outside school and not to undermine fundamental British values;
- work in partnership parents and carers keeping them up to date with their child's progress and behaviour at school;
- ensure the health and safety of the pupils in their care;
- identify problems that may arise and to offer solutions to the problem;
- implement the school's equalities policy and schemes;

### **Role of Pupils**

Pupils will:

- be aware of and comply with this policy
- be polite and well behaved at all times;
- show consideration to others;
- talk to others without shouting and will use language which is neither abusive nor offensive;
- listen carefully to all instructions given by the teacher;
- ask for further help if they do not understand;
- treat others, their work and equipment with respect;
- support the school Code of Conduct and guidance necessary to ensure the smooth running of the school;
- obey all health and safety regulations in all areas of the school;
- co-sign and abide by the Home School Agreement;
- liaise with the school council make suggestions about improving school behaviour;
- take part in questionnaires and surveys.

### **Role of Parents/Carers**

Parents/carers are encouraged to:

- comply with this policy;
- have good relations with the school;
- support good behaviour;
- sign the school's 'Home-School Agreement';
- ensure their children understand and value the meaning of good behaviour;
- support school rules and sanctions
- be asked to take part periodic surveys conducted by the school;
- support the school Code of Conduct and guidance necessary to ensure smooth running of the school.

### **Sanctions and Rewards – appendix I**

Sanctions and rewards:

- have been devised by the school community;
- must be applied fairly and consistently across the school;
- must not be degrading or humiliating to any pupil;
- must be displayed in all classes;

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A system is in place to ensure that no child ever misses out on sanctions or rewards.

### **Exclusion**

The Governing Body has decided that in exceptional circumstances that exclusion will be used as a sanction either as a:

- fixed term or
- permanent exclusion

### **Pupil Support**

A number of pupil support systems are in place and are proving effective in promoting good behaviour. All school personnel work hard to ensure that these systems run smoothly.

### **Outside Agencies**

We have invaluable support for pupils who demonstrate persistent poor behaviour from the:

- educational psychologist;
- school health nurse and from
- Social Services.

### **Incidents**

- All incidents of bad behaviour are recorded on an incident sheet.
- The Associate Head thoroughly investigates all incidents and reports to the Executive Headteacher.

### **Raising Awareness of this Policy**

We will raise awareness of this policy via:

- the School Handbook/Prospectus
- the school website
- the Staff Handbook
- meetings with parents such as introductory, transition, parent-teacher consultations and periodic curriculum workshops
- meetings with school personnel
- reports such annual report to parents and Headteacher reports to the Governing Body
- information displays in the main school entrance

### **Training**

All school personnel:

- have equal chances of training, career development and promotion
- receive training on this policy on induction which specifically covers:
  - ☐ Maintaining good order and discipline
  - ☐ Safeguarding pupils
  - ☐ The use of reasonable force
  - ☐ Dealing with bullying

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- ☐ Pupils at risk of disaffection
- ☐ Pupil support programmes
- ☐ Searching, Screening and Confiscation
- ☐ Equality
- ☐ Inclusion
- receive periodic training so that they are kept up to date with new information
- receive equal opportunities training on induction

### **Equality Impact Assessment**

Under the Equality Act 2010 we have a duty not to discriminate against people on the basis of their age, disability, gender, gender identity, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief and sexual orientation.

This policy has been equality impact assessed and we believe that it is in line with the Equality Act 2010 as it is fair, it does not prioritise or disadvantage any pupil and it helps to promote equality at this school.

### **Linked Policies**

- Anti-Bullying
- Health and Safety
- Home School Agreement
- Positive Handling (Restraint of Pupils)
- Pupil Exclusion
- Safeguarding and Child Protection
- Searching, Screening and Confiscation

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